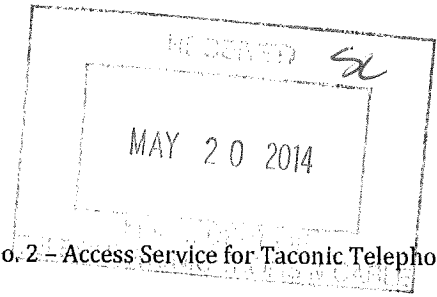


March 18, 2013

Catrice C. Williams, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Cable  
1000 Washington Street, 8th Floor, Suite 820  
Boston MA 02118-6500



RE: 2014 Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reductions Tariff Filing – M.D.T.C. Tariff No. 2 – Access Service for Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a FairPoint Communications

Per the Notice published by the Department on May 1, 2014, Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby respectfully submits the following tariff pages with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2014. The requisite \$100 filing fee is enclosed.

Section 2, Page 2, Second Revision  
Section 2, Page 2.1, First Revision  
Section 2, Page 2.2, First Revision  
Section 2, Page 2.3, First Revision  
Section 2, Page 3, Second Revision  
Section 2, Page 5, Second Revision

The purpose of this filing is to revise the Access tariff consistent with the March 31, 2014 Order of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in DA14-434, In the Matter of Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90. This Order allows carriers to bill a composite rate for all end office per minute rates. In particular, the FCC's Order clarifies "that both price cap and rate-of-return carriers may tariff the single composite rate as a terminating local switching access rate, consistent with the ICC transition, as long as all other rate elements associated with terminating end office access service are reduced to zero." FairPoint has opted to bill this single composite rate for terminating switched access traffic, as authorized by the FCC.

In addition to billing a single composite rate as terminating local end office switching, FairPoint has combined the per minute End Office – Local Switching rate and the End Office – Information Surcharge for originating traffic into a composite rate. There is no revenue impact with this change. By combining these two rate elements, the originating rate structure will mirror the terminating rate structure. FairPoint will use the End Office Originating Local Switching rate element as the vehicle to bill this composite rate.

This tariff corresponds to NECA tariff No. 5. NECA's interstate pages will not be effective until July 1<sup>st</sup>, once approved by the FCC. Once approved and posted, copies of the NECA interstate tariff can be found here:

<https://apps.fcc.gov/etfs/public/tariff.action?idTariff=110>

Finally, as required by above referenced notice, attached please find the applicable workpapers to support this change. FairPoint considers these workpapers to be confidential and is enclosing a Motion for Confidentiality.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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FairPoint Communications  
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# **MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

TACONIC TELEPHONE CORP. d/b/a FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS hereby requests that the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") grant this motion to provide confidential treatment for the attached work papers, submitted on May 20, 2014 as a part of its 2014 Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reduction tariff filing.

As grounds for this request, Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a FairPoint Communications states that the number of Intrastate access units and associated revenue impacts in the area in which it provides service, as shown on the attachment, is competitively sensitive information and constitutes a trade secret under Massachusetts General Laws c. 25, § 5D, which empowers the Department to protect from public disclosure trade secrets or other proprietary information that is produced in the course of Department proceedings.

Respectfully submitted on May 20, 2014 by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Audrey Prior", is written over a horizontal line.

Audrey J. Prior  
VP Government Relations  
Taconic Telephone Corp, d/b/a  
FairPoint Communications

2. Access Rates and Charges (cont'd.)2.2 Switched Access Service2.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

	<u>Rate</u>	
(A) <u>Local Transport - Installation</u>		
- Voice Grade	\$474.14	(I)
- High Capacity DS1	\$347.70	
- High Capacity DS3	\$468.87	
- Optical Channel OC3 and OC12	\$379.30	
(B) <u>Interim NXX Translation Per Order</u>		
- per LATA or Market Area	\$231.80	(I)
(C) <u>FGC and FOD Conversion of Multi-Frequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling</u>		
- Per 24 Trunks Converted or Fraction Thereof on a Per Order Basis	\$465.70	(I)
(D) <u>Trunk Activation Per Order</u>		
- Per 24 Trunks Activated or Fraction thereof, on a Per Order Basis	\$483.61	(I)

2. Access Rates and Charges (cont'd.)2.2 Switched Access Service (cont'd.)2.2.2 Local TransportRate

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## Tandem Switched Transport

Tandem Switched Facility, per access minute per  
mileTerminating  
Originating\$0.00042400 (I)  
\$0.000396005Tandem Switched Termination, per access minute  
per terminationTerminating  
Originating\$0.00220200 (I)  
\$0.002056762

## Tandem Switching

Terminating  
Originating\$0.00555400 (I)  
\$0.005187854

\*Network Blocking Per Blocked Call

Applies to FGD only

\$.029700000

\* Information was previously on Page 2.

2. Access Rates and Charges (cont'd.)2.2 Switched Access Service (cont'd.)2.2.2 Local Transport (cont'd.)

<u>Premium Access</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
- <u>Entrance Facility</u>		
Per Termination		
- Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 29.63	(I)
- Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 47.43	
- High Capacity DS1	\$144.48	
- High Capacity DS3	\$1,319.12	
- Optical Channel OC3	\$1,345.12	
- Optical Channel OC12	\$1,436.15	(I)
- <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		
- <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u>		
Per Mile		
- Voice Grade	\$ 2.11	(I)
- High Capacity DS1	\$ 9.89	
- High Capacity DS3	\$ 86.21	
- Optical Channel OC3	\$ 92.30	
- Optical Channel OC12	\$115.84	(I)
- <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u>		
- <u>Per Termination</u>		
- Voice Grade	\$21.21	(I)
- High Capacity DS1	\$51.35	
- High Capacity DS3	\$329.78	
- Optical Channel OC3	\$343.37	
- Optical Channel OC12	\$747.61	(I)
- <u>Multiplexing</u>		
- Per Arrangement		
- DS3 to DS1	\$300.89	(I)
- DS1 to Voice	\$116.17	(I)

2. Access Rates and Charges (cont'd.)2.2 Switched Access Service (cont'd.)2.2.2 Local Transport (cont'd.)Recurring  
RateNonrecurring  
ChargeCustomer Node  
Per Node

- OC3	155.52 Mbps	\$312.34	\$0.00	(I)(R)
- OC12	622.08 Mbps	\$902.23	\$0.00	(I)(R)

Customer Premises Port  
Per Port

- OC3	155.52 Mbps	\$102.48		(I)
- STS-1	51.84 Mbps	\$123.05	\$0.00	(I)(R)
- DS3	44.736 Mbps	\$123.05	\$0.00	(I)(R)
- DS1	1.544 Mbps	\$31.54	\$0.00	(I)(R)

Add/Drop Multiplexing  
Central Office Port  
Per Port

- OC3	155.52 Mbps	\$102.48		(I)
- DS3	44.736 Mbps	\$63.09		(I)
- DS1	1.544 Mbps	\$25.24		(I)

2. Access Rates & Charges (cont'd)2.2 Switched Access Service (cont'd.)2.2.3 End Office\*(A) Local Switching - Premium

Applies to all Feature Groups Per Access Minute

Originating

\$0.0205130

(I)

Terminating

\$0.0146300

(R)

Local Switching – Non-Premium

Applies to all Feature Groups Per Access Minute

Originating

\$0.0102565

(I)

Terminating

\$0.0075000

(R)

(B) ANI Switching

Applies to FGD only Per Attempt

\$0.0005300

(C) Information Surcharge

Per 100 Access Minutes

Premium Terminating

\$0.0000000

(R)

Non-Premium Terminating

\$0.0000000

(R)

2.2.4 800 Data Base Access Service Queries\*\*

Per Query

Basic

.0079

Vertical Feature

.0082

\* Local Switching and ANI Switching were previously on page 2.

\*\* This charge is billed to the Interexchange Carriers identified during the 800 Data Base Query process.

2. Access Rates and Charges (cont'd)2.4 Other Services2.4.1 Access Ordering(A) Access Order Charge

	<u>Charge</u>	
Per Order	\$87.23	(I)

(B) Service Date Change Charge

A Service Date Change Charge will apply, on a per order per occurrence basis, for each service date changed. The Access Order Charge as specified in 2.4.1 (A) preceding does not apply. The applicable charge is:

Service Date Change Charge, per order	\$60.86	(I)
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(C) Design Change Charge

The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis, for each order requiring design change. The applicable charge is:

Design Change Charge, per order	\$85.20	(I)
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(D) Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

Per Occurrence	\$124.76	(I)
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**Taconic Tel Corp**  
**7/1/2014 Proposed Intrastate Rate**

	Rate Element Description	Test Year 2013-2014 Current Intrastate Rate	7/1/2014 Proposed Intrastate Rate	Difference
<b>Traffic Sensitive</b>				
1	Nonrecurring Charges Interim NXX Translation, Per Order	\$228.53	\$231.80	\$3.27
2	Access Ordering Access Order Charge, per order	\$86.00	\$87.23	\$1.23
3	Access Ordering Service Date Change Charge, per order	\$60.00	\$60.86	\$0.86
4	Access Ordering Design Change Charge, per order	\$84.00	\$85.20	\$1.20
5	Access Ordering Miscellaneous Service Order Charge, per occurrence	\$123.00	\$124.76	\$1.76
6	Terminating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Premium, per access minute	\$0.018658	\$0.014630	(\$0.004028)
6A	Originating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Premium, per access minute	\$0.020000	\$0.020513	\$0.000513
6B	Terminating End Office Access Info Surcharge	\$0.000513	\$0.000000	(\$0.000513)
6C	Originating End Office Access Info Surcharge	\$0.000513	\$0.000000	(\$0.000513)
<b>Trunking</b>				
7	Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switched Termination	\$0.002171	\$0.002202	\$0.000031
8	Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Facility	\$0.000418	\$0.000424	\$0.000006
9	Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switching	\$0.005476	\$0.005554	\$0.000078
10	Nonrecurring Charges FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling, per 24 trunks converted or fraction thereof on a per order basis	\$459.14	\$465.70	\$6.56
11	Entrance Facility, Per Termination Voice Grade Two Wire	\$29.21	\$29.63	\$0.42
12	Entrance Facility, Per Termination Voice Grade Four Wire	\$46.76	\$47.43	\$0.67
13	Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Voice Grade - Two Wire & Four Wire	\$20.91	\$21.21	\$0.30
14	Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Voice Grade - Two Wire & Four Wire	\$2.08	\$2.11	\$0.03
15	Nonrecurring Charges Voice Grade Two Wire	\$467.46	\$474.14	\$6.68
16	Nonrecurring Charges Voice Grade Four Wire	\$467.46	\$474.14	\$6.68
17	Entrance Facility, Per Termination High Capacity DS1	\$142.44	\$144.48	\$2.04
18	Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination High Capacity DS1	\$50.63	\$51.35	\$0.72
19	Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile High Capacity DS1	\$9.75	\$9.89	\$0.14
20	Multiplexing, Per Arrangement DS1 to Voice	\$114.53	\$116.17	\$1.64
21	Nonrecurring Charges High Capacity DS1	\$342.80	\$347.70	\$4.90
22	Entrance Facility, Per Termination High Capacity DS3	\$1,300.54	\$1,319.12	\$18.58
23	Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination High Capacity DS3	\$325.13	\$329.78	\$4.65
24	Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile High Capacity DS3	\$85.00	\$86.21	\$1.21
25	Multiplexing, Per Arrangement DS3 to DS1	\$296.65	\$300.89	\$4.24
26	Nonrecurring Charges High Capacity DS3	\$462.26	\$468.87	\$6.61
27	Nonrecurring Charges FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling, per 24 trunks converted or fraction thereof on a per order basis	\$459.14	\$465.70	\$6.56
28	Nonrecurring Charges Trunk Activation, per 24 trunks activated or fraction thereof on a per order basis	\$476.80	\$483.61	\$6.81

**Taconic Tel Corp**  
7/1/14 Proposed Terminating Intrastate Rates (FCC TRP Exhibit)  
Intrastate Revenues

Test Year 2014-2015 Expected Maximum Intrastate Revenue: **██████████**

Rate Element Description	Unit of Demand	7/1/2014 Interstate Rate	Test Year 2013-2014 Current Intrastate Rate	7/1/2014 Proposed Intrastate Rate	FY 2011 Intrastate Units: Terminating for Non-Dedicated or Originating and Terminating for Dedicated Elements	Intrastate Price-out with 7/1/2014 proposed intrastate rate and FY2011 Demand	Test Year 2014-2015 Forecasted Intrastate Units	TV 2014-15 Forecasted Intrastate Revenue
Terminating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Premium, per access minute	MOU	\$0.014630	\$0.019171	\$0.014630				
Terminating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Non-Premium, per access minute	MOU	\$0.007500	\$0.008627	\$0.007500				
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Voice Grade Two Wire	Termination	\$29.63	\$29.21	\$29.63				
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Voice Grade Four Wire	Termination	\$47.43	\$46.76	\$47.43				
Entrance Facility, Per Termination High Capacity DS1	Termination	\$144.48	\$142.44	\$144.48				
Entrance Facility, Per Termination High Capacity DS3	Termination	\$1,319.12	\$1,300.54	\$1,319.12				
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Termination	\$1,345.12	\$1,326.17	\$1,345.12				
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Termination	\$1,436.15	\$1,414.92	\$1,414.92				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Voice Grade - Two Wire & Four Wire	Mile	\$2.11	\$2.08	\$2.11				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile High Capacity DS1	Mile	\$9.89	\$9.75	\$9.89				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile High Capacity DS3	Mile	\$86.21	\$85.00	\$86.21				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Mile	\$92.30	\$91.00	\$92.30				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Mile	\$115.84	\$114.21	\$115.84				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Voice Grade - Two Wire & Four Wire	Termination	\$21.21	\$20.91	\$21.21				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination High Capacity DS1	Termination	\$51.35	\$50.63	\$51.35				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination High Capacity DS3	Termination	\$329.78	\$325.13	\$329.78				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Termination	\$343.37	\$338.53	\$343.37				
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Termination	\$747.61	\$737.08	\$747.61				
Multiplexing, Per Arrangement DS3 to DS1	Termination	\$300.89	\$296.65	\$300.89				
Multiplexing, Per Arrangement DS1 to Voice	Termination	\$116.17	\$114.53	\$116.17				
Customer Node Per Node OC3 155.52 Mbps	Port	\$312.34	\$307.94	\$312.34				
Customer Node Per Node OC12 622.08 Mbps	Port	\$902.33	\$889.62	\$902.33				
Customer Premises Port, Per Port OC3 155.52 Mbps	Port	\$102.48	\$101.04	\$102.48				
Customer Premises Port, Per Port STS-1 51.84 Mbps	Port	\$123.05	\$121.32	\$123.05				
Customer Premises Port, Per Port DS3 44.736 Mbps	Port	\$123.05	\$121.32	\$123.05				
Customer Premises Port, Per Port DS1 1.544 Mbps	Port	\$31.54	\$31.10	\$31.54				

Rate Element Description	Unit of Demand	7/1/2014 Interstate Rate	Test Year 2013-2014 Current Intrastate Rate	7/1/2014 Proposed Intrastate Rate	FY 2011 Intrastate Units: Terminating for Non-Dedicated or Originating and Terminating for Dedicated Elements	Intrastate Price-out with 7/1/2014 proposed intrastate rate and FY2011 Demand	Test Year 2014-2015 Forecasted Intrastate Units	FY 2014-15 Forecasted Intrastate Revenue
Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port DS1 1.544 Mbps	Port	\$25.24	\$24.88	\$25.24				
Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port OC3 155.52 Mbps	Port	\$102.48	\$101.04	\$102.48				
Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port DS3 44.736 Mbps	Port	\$63.09	\$62.20	\$63.09				
Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Facility	Minutes / Mile	\$0.000424	\$0.000418	\$0.000424				
Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switched Termination	Minutes	\$0.002202	\$0.002171	\$0.002202				
Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switching	Minutes	\$0.005554	\$0.005476	\$0.005554				
Access Ordering Access Order Charge, per order	Order	\$87.23	\$86.00	\$87.23				
Access Ordering Service Date Change Charge, per order	Order	\$60.86	\$60.00	\$60.86				
Access Ordering Design Change Charge, per order	Order	\$85.20	\$84.00	\$85.20				
Access Ordering Miscellaneous Service Order Charge, per occurrence	Order	\$124.76	\$123.00	\$124.76				
Nonrecurring Charges Voice Grade Two Wire	Facility	\$474.14	\$467.46	\$474.14				
Nonrecurring Charges Voice Grade Four Wire	Facility	\$474.14	\$467.46	\$474.14				
Nonrecurring Charges High Capacity DS1	Facility	\$347.70	\$342.80	\$347.70				
Nonrecurring Charges High Capacity DS3	Facility	\$468.87	\$462.26	\$468.87				
Nonrecurring Charges Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Facility	\$379.30	\$373.96	\$379.30				
Nonrecurring Charges Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Facility	\$379.30	\$373.96	\$379.30				
Nonrecurring Charges Interim NXX Translation, Per Order	Order	\$231.80	\$228.53	\$231.80				
Nonrecurring Charges FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling, per 24 trunks converted or fraction thereof on a per order basis	Order	\$465.70	\$459.14	\$465.70				
Nonrecurring Charges Trunk Activation, per 24 trunks activated or fraction thereof on a per order basis	Order	\$483.61	\$476.80	\$483.61				

**Taconic Tel Corp**

**7/1/14 Proposed Originating Intrastate Rates**

Rate Element Description	Unit of Demand	Test Year 2013-2014 Current Intrastate Rate	7/1/2014 Proposed Intrastate Rate
Terminating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Premium, per access minute - Originating	MOU	\$0.0200000	\$0.0000000
Information Surcharge, Per Minute Originating	MOU	\$0.0005130	\$0.0000000
Composite End Office Originating Rate	MOU		\$0.0205130